

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are pending. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter has been added.

Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in the specification at e.g., paragraphs [0053] and [0054].

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the July 29 personal interview. The substance of the discussions held are incorporated in the following remarks and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,141,074 to Bos in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,313,898 to Numano; claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bos in view of Numano and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,092,664 to Miyatake; and claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bos in view of Numano in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,339,459 to Ichikawa. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Bos does not disclose pixels that are adjacent to each other being applied with voltages having different polarities as in the invention of amended independent claim 1. Numano does not provide the deficiencies of Bos.

With respect to new independent claim 10, none of the references disclose liquid crystal having a refractive anisotropy Δn in a range of 0.13 to 0.108 and a thickness in a range of between 3.2 to 4.4 microns.

Miyatake and Ichikawa do not provide the deficiencies of Bos and Numano.

II. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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